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SUBJECT: ITU COUNCIL CHAIRMAN REQUEST TO EXCEED BUDGET
CEILINGS.

1. U.S. REP TO INTERNATIONAL TELECOMMUNICATION UNION
(ITU) ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL HAS JUST RECEIVED LETTER
DATED JULY 21 FROM CHAIRMAN OF COUNCIL, MAURICE GHAZAL
(LEBANESE). DEPARTMENT ASSUMES LETTER WAS SENT TO
ALL ITU MEMBER STATES. LETTER ASKS WHETHER MEMBERS WILL
AUTHORIZE COUNCIL TO EXCEED BUDGET LIMITATIONS SET BY
MALAGA-TORREMOLINOS CONVENTION FOR 1977, 1978 AND 1979
AND CALLS FOR RESPONSES TO BE SENT TO ITU SECRETARY
GENERAL BY OCTOBER 31, 1975.

2. CONVENTION SETS LIMITS ON BUDGET IN YEARS BETWEEN
PLENIPOTENTIARY CONFERENCES AND AUTHORIZES EXCEEDING
LIMITS ONLY WHEN ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL AGREES AFTER
OBTAINING APPROVAL OF MAJORITY MEMBER STATES IN A
TELEGRAPHIC CANVASS. AT MOST RECENT COUNCIL SESSION
IN JUNE 1975, COUNCIL WAS PRESENTED BY SECRETARY GENERAL
WITH 1976 DRAFT BUDGET 1.2 MILLION SWISS FRANCS OVER
CONVENTION LIMIT. AFTER LENGTHY DEBATE, COUNCIL VOTED
TO SEND CABLE TO MEMBERS REQUESTING PERMISSION TO EXCEED

1976 LIMITATIONS. ALTHOUGH MAJORITY OF MEMBERS AGREED
TO INCREASE IF NECESSARY 87-28 (U.S.), COUNCIL AFTER
EXAMINING BUDGET, WAS ABLE TO ACHIEVE ECONOMIES
PERMITTING FINAL BUDGET TO WIND UP SLIGHTLY BELOW
CONVENTION LIMITS. AT TIME SENDING OF CABLE WAS
DEBATED, SECRETARY GENERAL MADE PITCH TO APPLY
PERMISSION FOR INCREASE TO 1977, 78 AND 79 BUDGETS
AS WELL AS 76 BUT THIS WAS NOT SUPPORTED. CABLE
SENT APPLIED ONLY TO 1976 BUDGET.

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3. THUS DEPARTMENT IS EXTREMELY DISTURBED AT CONTENTS
JULY 21 LETTER FROM COUNCIL CHAIRMAN. ALTHOUGH LETTER
GIVES APPEARANCE GHAZAL WRITING ON BEHALF OF COUNCIL,
HE HAS NO REPEAT NO AUTHORIZATION FROM COUNCIL TO DO SO.
ONLY COUNCIL CAN CONDUCT CANVASS OF MEMBERS AND COUNCIL
CAN TAKE SUCH DECISIONS ONLY IN SESSION. COUNCIL DID
NOT TAKE SUCH DECISION (RE 1977, 78 AND 79) AT LAST

SESSION AND DID NOT AUTHORIZE CHAIRMAN TO ACT ON ITS BEHALF IN INTERSESSIONAL PERIOD.

4. ACCORDINGLY, U.S. REP TO COUNCIL IS SENDING LETTER TO ITU SECRETARY GENERAL (CHAIRMAN'S LETTER ASKS REPLIES TO BE SENT TO SYG) OUTLINING U.S. VIEWS. LETTER WILL BE SENT ON AUGUST 8. IN HOPES THAT OTHER COUNCIL MEMBERS WILL SUPPORT U.S. POSITION IN THEIR REPLIES TO CHAIRMAN'S LETTER, WE BELIEVE IT WOULD BE USEFUL TO PROVIDE THEM WITH COPIES OF U.S. RESPONSE. TEXT OF U.S. LETTER TO SECRETARY GENERAL IS SUBJECT OF SEPTTEL.

5. REQUESTED ACTION: DEPARTMENT REQUESTS ACTION EMBASSIES DELIVER COPY OF U.S. LETTER TO COUNCIL MEMBERS LISTED BELOW AND REPORT THEIR REACTION AND COMMENT. FOR GENEVA: PLEASE ADVISE SYG MILI OF U.S. VIEWS AND INFORM HIM LETTER FROM O'NEILL WILL BE SENT SHORTLY.

6. COUNCIL MEMBERS AS FOLLOWS:

A. FOR BERN: MR. RUDOLF RUTSCHI, VICE-DIRECTEUR, DIRECTION GENERALE DE L'ENTREPRISE DES PTT.

B. FOR BONN: MR. JOHANNES KUPPER, MINISTERIALDIRIGENT.

C. FOR BRASILIA: MR. JOAO SANTELLI, JR., SECRETAIRE POUR LES AFFAIRES INTERNATIONALES, MINISTERE DES COMMUNICATIONS.

D. FOR BUCHAREST: MR. GHEORGHE AIRINEI, ADJOINT DU MINISTRE DES TRANSPORTS ET TELECOMMUNICATIONS.

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E. FOR CANBERRA/MELBOURNE: MR. ALEXANDER MAXWELL SMITH, FIRST ASSISTANT DIRECTOR-GENERAL, TELECOMMUNICATIONS A.P.O., MELBOURNE.

F. FOR DAR ES SALAAM: MR. J. A. MSAMBICHAKA, DIRECTOR OF COMMUNICATIONS AND TRANSPORT.

G. FOR LONDON: MR. TOM ULRIK MEYER, ASSISTANT SECRETARY, POSTS AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS DIVISION, DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRY.

H. FOR MADRID: MR. FRANCISCO MOLINA NEGRO, JEFE DE LA SECCION INTERNACIONAL DE TELECOMUNICACION - DIRECCION GENERAL DE CORREOS Y TELECOMUNICACION.

I. FOR MEXICO CITY: MR. JOSE J. HERNANDEZ-G, JEFE
DEPARTAMENTO DE ASUNTOS INTERNACIONALES.

J. FOR MOSCOW: MR. VASSILII A. CHAMCHINE, VICE-
MINISTRE DES POSTES ET TELECOMMUNICATIONS.

K. FOR OTTAWA: MISS ANITA C. SZLAZAK, DIRECTOR
GENERAL, INTERNATIONAL TELECOMMUNICATIONS, DEPARTMENT
OF COMMUNICATIONS.

L. FOR PARIS: MR. CHARLES HERVE COTTEN, DIRECTEUR,
DIRECTION GENERALE DES TELECOMMUNICATIONS.

M. FOR STOCKHOLM: MR. BERTIL BJUREL, DIRECTOR
GENERAL OF TELECOMMUNICATIONS.

N. FOR TOKYO: MR. FUMIO TADOKORO, DIRECTOR GENERAL
OF TELECOMMUNICATIONS, MINISTRY OF POSTS AND
TELECOMMUNICATIONS.

O. FOR YAOUNDE: MR. JEAN JIPGUEP, DIRECTEUR DES
TELECOMMUNICATIONS. INGERSOLL

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